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SUBJECT:CASE REVIEW OF ALL AMERICAN PRISONERS IN MEXICO:

RICHARD SCHANZ AND JOHN PEREZ

REF: HERMOSILLO 377

1. CONCERNING PROMISE OF SCHANZ AND PEREZ TO PUT ALLEGATIONS OF TORTURE INTO WRITING, DEPARTMENT WOULD FIND SUCH AFFIDAVIT USEFUL IN PRESENTING EVIDENCE OF ABUSE TO GOM. REQUEST POST FOLLOW UP WITH PRISONERS, IF THEY ARE STILL WILLING TO OBTAIN SUCH AFFIDAVIT, EACH ONE IN DUPLICATE.

2. PROCEDURE OF OBTAINING WRITTEN AFFIDAVIT REGARDING ABUSE MAY BE USEFUL IN AN INDIVIDUAL CASE WHERE PRISONER WILLINGLY VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE SUCH AN AFFIDAVIT, BUT SHOULD NOT, REPEAT NOT BE REQUIRED ON A ROUTINE BASIS. THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE WHERE ALLEGATION OF ABUSE MADE TO CONOFF WITHIN DAYS OR EVEN HOURS OF SUCH INCIDENCE, AT A TIME OF EXTREME STRESS FOR PRISONER. CONOFF MUST EXERCISE HIS OWN JUDGMENT, BASED ON EXPERIENCE, IN DETERMINING CREDIBILITY.

3. WHERE CONOFF FINDS ALLEGATION BASICALLY CREDIBLE, PROTEST AT LOCAL AND FEDERAL LEVEL SHOULD BE MADE, WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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PRISONER'S VERBAL PERMISSION SUFFICING, WHETHER OR NOT

AFFIDAVIT ATTESTING TO CIRCUMSTANCES IS FORTHCOMING. ROBINSON

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